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Agenda item 4
Adoption of the report of the working group

Draft report

Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The United Nations Forum on Forests convened the meeting of the working group established pursuant to paragraph 46 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2015/33 at United Nations Headquarters from 16 to 20 January 2017. The working group held __ plenary meetings (1st to __).

2. At the 1st meeting, on 16 January 2017, the Chair of the twelfth session of the Forum, Peter Besseau (Canada), opened the meeting and made an opening statement.

3. At the same meeting, an introductory statement was made by the Director of the secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests.

B. Election of officers

4. At its 1st meeting, the Forum elected, by acclamation, Hans Hoogeveen (Netherlands) and Mohammad Ali Zarie Zaree (Islamic Republic of Iran) as Co-Chairs of the working group.

5. At the same meeting, the Co-Chairs made opening statements.

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C. Agenda and organization of work

6. At its 1st meeting, the Forum adopted the annotated provisional agenda as contained in document E/CN.18/WG/2017/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Recommendations of the working group to the special session of the United Nations Forum on Forests.
4. Adoption of the report of the working group.

7. At the same meeting, the Forum approved the provisional organization of work for the session, as circulated in an informal paper in English only, with the understanding that it might be further adjusted as required.

D. Documentation

8. At the 1st meeting, the representative of the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat and the Director of the Forestry Policy and Resources Division of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations introduced the documentation before the working group (see annex).

9. At the same meeting, the Co-Chair of the working group (Netherlands) introduced the draft proposals for the United Nations strategic plan for forests for the period 2017-2030 and the quadrennial programme of work of the United Nations Forum on Forests for the period 2017-2020 (see annex).

E. Conclusion of the session

10. [*To be completed*].

F. Attendance

11. In accordance with paragraph 4 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/35, the Forum is composed of all States Members of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies, with full and equal participation. The list of participants will be made available on the website of the Forum in due course.

Annex

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